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Title: IMAGE CODING METHOD, IMAGE CODING AND DECODING  
METHOD, IMAGE CODING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE RECORDING  
AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages: 105]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix.
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 17]
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- a.1. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named  
in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or computer program (Appendix)
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(if applicable, all necessary)
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)  
☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
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16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).  
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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09/623,397

Prior Application Information: Examiner Jose L. Couso Group Art Unit 2621

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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 IMAGE CODING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE  
 RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS  
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